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1. OUR INITIAL REVIEW OF ANTICIPATED FY 74 SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND EMPEROR'S DOLS 457 MILLION SHOPPING LIST HAS BEEN MADE. REVIEW WAS BASED ON NSDM 231 AND TOOK ACCOUNT OF DEGREE TO WHICH WE COULD REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO PROVIDE ANY INCREASE IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS

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TO ETHIOPIA IN VIEW OF CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES

ON FUNDS. UNCERTAINTIES OF FY 74 AVAILABILITIES ARE FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT SENATE PASSED BILL AUTHORIZES SPECIFIC AMOUNTS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES (E.G., DOLS 7 MILLION AUTHORIZED IN THAT BILL FOR ETHIOPIA). HOUSE BILL DOES NOT RPT NOT GIVE SUCH LINE ITEM AUTHORIZATIONS, HOWEVER, AND WHAT CONFERENCE DECIDES REMAINS TO BE SEEN. ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT BILL WITHOUT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY AUTHORIZATIONS TO RETAIN ESSENTIAL FLEXIBILITY. TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY SALES CREDITS WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD NOT BE FULLY COVERED BY AUTHORIZATION ULTIMATELY PROVIDED. AGAINST THESE CONSTRAINTS AND UNCERTAINTIES, WHICH SHOULD BE RE-EMPHASIZED IN YOUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH IEG, FOLLOWING PROVIDES MOST WE CAN REALISTICALLY SEEK FROM CONGRESS FOR FY 74 IN RESPONSE TO IEG REQUEST.

2. AFTER AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE DESCRIBED PARA. 6, EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS FOLLOWING DOLLAR GUIDELINES FOR FY 74, MAKING IT CLEAR TO IEG THAT FINAL AMOUNT (APART FROM EDA) DEPENDENT UPON CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION LATER THIS YEAR:

A. GRANT MATERIAL (INCLUDING	DOLS 11.7 MILLION
DOLS 1.2 MILLION SUPPLY OPS)	
B. TRAINING	.8 MILLION
C. EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES	1.1 MILLION
D. FOREIGN MILITARY CREDITS	5.0 MILLION
TOTAL	DOLS 18.6 MILLION

3. WITHIN THE DOLS 11.7 MILLION MAP MATERIAL (INCLUDING DOLS 1.2 MILLION SUPPLY OPS) GUIDELINE, EMBASSY MAY WANT TO IDENTIFY THE AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF ANNUAL 0 AND M REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN MAP-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BE ABOUT DOLS 7 MILLION) AND TO APPLY IT AGAINST THE NEW REQUIREMENTS. IN EFFECT, THAT AMOUNT, PLUS THE OFFER OF DOLS 5 MILLION CREDIT, WOULD,

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DEPENDING ON APPROPRIATIONS, PROVIDE DOLS 8 MILLION RESPONSE TO THE SHOPPING LIST IN FY 74. YOU ALSO SHOULD REFER TO DECISION PERMITTING IEG RETAIN EXCESS M-1 RIFLES (REF. A AS MODIFIED BY REF.B) DESCRIBING IT AS ADDITIONAL EFFORT ON OUR PART TO RESPOND TO IEG NEEDS.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD BE SURE THAT IEG UNDERSTANDS

THAT O AND M COSTS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT IEG ACQUIRES UNDER FUTURE CREDIT SALES PROGRAMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR BY IEG. THIS APPROACH IS REALISTIC AND NECESSARY SINCE IT UNLIKELY THAT FUTURE ANNUAL MAP APPROPRIATIONS CAN ACCOMMODATE COSTS OF MAINTAINING THIS EQUIPMENT AND STILL HAVE ANYTHING LEFT FOR INVESTMENT ITEMS.

5. AT TIME WE APPROACH IEG ON FOREGOING, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE SIMULTANEOUSLY TO GIVE SOME INDICATION ON STATUS OF MAP MATERIAL ALREADY PROGRAMMED. WE HOPE TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF THIS EQUIPMENT AS FEASIBLE. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP LIST OF PROGRAM EQUIPMENT THAT MAAG AND USCINCEUR BELIEVE SHOULD BE EXPEDITED TO CONTRIBUTE MOST TO USG'S RESPONSE TO IEG'S REQUEST.

6. UPON HIS RETURN TO ADDIS AMBASSADOR ADAIR PLANS CALL ON EMPEROR TO INFORM HIM OF FY 74 DOLLAR GUIDELINE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND THAT WE PLAN TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF PREVIOUSLY FUNDED EQUIPMENT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. IN INTERIM, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS ON ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN FY 74 PROGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE HAVE QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER CURRENT ETHIOPIAN NEEDS WOULD JUSTIFY POSSIBLE M-60 TANKS OR AN EXCEPTION TO US POLICY PROHIBITING SHIPMENT TO AFRICA OF AIM-9BS AND REDEYES. AS TO TANKS WE WOULD CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE, SUCH AS M-48S. RUSH

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